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Applicants hereby submit the following documents for the above-identified patent application:

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2. Red-lined Copy of Official Filing Receipt;
3. Copy of the Utility Patent Application Transmittal;
4. Copy of Petition to Correct Inventorship Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.43(a);
5. Copy of Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application; and
6. Acknowledgment Postcard.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$25.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0271. Order No. 96-139XX. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached. The Assistant Commissioner is further authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for the submission of this paper, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0271. Order No. 96-139XX. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

Applicants respectfully request that the filing receipt for the above-identified patent application be corrected to reflect the name of the fifth inventor, Sanjay K. Jindal, whose name was listed on the Utility Patent Application Transmittal dated July 10, 2000. The Copy of Declaration and Power of Attorney forwarded to the USPTO with the Patent Application did not include Sanjay K. Jindal as one of the inventors because his name was added pursuant to a Petition filed on February 14, 2000.

The list of Applicants should be corrected to read:

“JAY S. WALKER, RIDGEFIELD, CT;
DANIEL E. TEDESCO, STAMFORD, CT;
JAMES A. JORASCH, STAMFORD, CT;
ROBERT R. LECH, NORWALK, CT;
SANJAY K. JINDAL, PACIFIC PALISADES, CA.”



This requested correction has been indicated in red on an enclosed copy of the official Filing Receipt. In support of this request, Applicants enclose a copy of the Petition to Correct Inventorship Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.43(a), a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney of Sanjay K. Jindal and a copy of the Utility Patent Application Transmittal.

Please issue a corrected Filing Receipt in due course.

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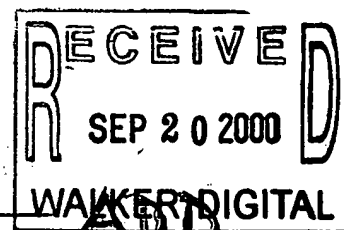
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Continuing Data as Claimed by Applicant

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 WHICH IS A CIP OF 08/762,128 12/09/1996 PAT 5,798,508
 AND A CIP OF 08/858,738 05/19/1997

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Foreign Applications

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Title

Method and apparatus for issuing and managing gift certificates

Preliminary Class

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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ISSUING AND MANAGING GIFT CERTIFICATES

and invented by:

Jay S. WALKER, Daniel E. TEDESCO, James A. JORASCH, Robert R. LECH, and Sanjay K. JINDALL

If a **CONTINUATION APPLICATION**, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

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Enclosed are:

Application Elements

1. ☐ Filing fee as calculated and transmitted as described below
2. ☒ Specification having 60 pages and including the following:
 - a. ☒ Descriptive Title of the Invention
 - b. ☒ Cross References to Related Applications (if applicable)
 - c. ☐ Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development (if applicable)
 - d. ☐ Reference to Microfiche Appendix (if applicable)
 - e. ☒ Background of the Invention
 - f. ☒ Brief Summary of the Invention
 - g. ☒ Brief Description of the Drawings (if drawings filed)
 - h. ☒ Detailed Description
 - i. ☒ Claim(s) as Classified Below
 - j. ☒ Abstract of the Disclosure

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3. ☒ Drawings, when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)
- a. ☒ Formal Number of Sheets 16
- b. ☐ Informal Number of Sheets _____
4. ☒ Oath or Declaration
- a. ☐ Newly executed (*original or copy*) ☐ Unexecuted
- b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (*for continuation/divisional application only*)
- c. ☒ With Power of Attorney ☐ Without Power of Attorney
- d. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application,
see 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
5. ☒ Incorporation By Reference (*usable if Box 4b is checked*)
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. ☐ Computer Program in Microfiche (*Appendix*)
7. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (*if applicable, all must be included*)
- a. ☐ Paper Copy
- b. ☐ Computer Readable Copy (*identical to computer copy*)
- c. ☐ Statement Verifying Identical Paper and Computer Readable Copy

Accompanying Application Parts

8. ☐ Assignment Papers (*cover sheet & document(s)*)
9. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement (*when there is an assignee*)
10. ☐ English Translation Document (*if applicable*)
11. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449 ☒ Copies of IDS Citations
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Total Claims	13	- 20 =	0	x \$18.00	\$0.00
Indep. Claims	9	- 3 =	6	x \$78.00	\$468.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
BASIC FEE					\$690.00
OTHER FEE (specify purpose)					\$0.00
TOTAL FILING FEE					\$1,158.00

- ☐ A check in the amount of _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. **50-0271** as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Charge the amount of **\$1,158.00** as filing fee.
 - ☒ Credit any overpayment.
 - ☒ Charge any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17.
 - ☐ Charge the issue fee set in 37 C.F.R. 1.18 at the mailing of the Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.311(b).


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